JEAN ELIOT'S WEEKLY CHRONICLE OF CAPITAL SOCIETY

Society Sad As Weather Halts Parties Garden Parties

CO OD evidently hasn't get much At this time of the year At this time of the year the benefit of"-are society's favorite outdoors sport; and naturally the weather, when it behaves so badly as has this season, comes in for conriderable "cussing and dis-cussing." Consequently, I decided that the peaker, pretty Mrs. Reeve Lewis, yas right, particularly as she then stood under a dripping toak tree truggling to hold an umbrella over increelf and a huge, aspiring cluster of gay red and blue and green and gold balloons.

She went on to explain laughingly that down in Mexico whenever the Protestants were trying to give a party and it rained the natives, being almost to a man Roman Catholics. seered—"A-ah ah! You see! The good ied. He doesn't like you Protestants. He makes the rain on your fetes!" Here it would take a very prejudiced observer to decide that the good God has any preference. He seems to play no favorites. It rains alike upon the just and the unjust. And then, as though to explode a perfectly good theory, comes a succession of days literally made for garden parties and at least one garden party for

It was at the Cathedral Close on Tuesday on the occasion of the garden Mercy that I encountered Mrs. Lewis and, since the afternoon was divine, and her balloons and even this fests, the guests soon wandered out onto despite its bad beginning, came to a the broad verandas and into the wind-triumphal close. The prayers of the ing paths. righeous must have availed much for testimonial to the esteem in which

garden party and many took advantage of the delicious salads, ices, etc. tress there. She seems to have been which were served by a corps of right-and last Thursday it was she pretty girls under Mrs. Lee Phillips' direction, to make a sort of a picnic supper under the trees. The House of Mercey's annual party is the one benefit for which the Bishop allows the lovely grounds of the Cathedra to be used and this gives an added tillip of interest to the event.

Weather Man

Finally Smiles Not even the most confirmed peswhich smiled upon the outdoor fes- Bell's country estate, on Friday after-tivities of the week. Yesterday there noon, and will wind up tomorrow place in Chevy Chase and the larger pleasant as the former, it will be a day an alfresco party. But she has a one at "Airlie," the Rudolph Kauff-genuine treat—and it should be, for lovely garden and overlooking it a man's estate on the edge of Rock Creek Park. Neither of these, as it happens, was a benefit. Mrs. Mac Farland's was "just for instance"—for because her roses are in bloom. And the Kauffman's were entertain—live seldom seen anything prettier. I've seldom seen anything prettier out into the garden. Instead it was Society of the Archeological Institute. The regular meetings are over for the season. But Mr. and Mrs. Kauffman's roses, too, are in bloom, and they expressed a desire to entertain the society-why, the society was more than delighted to be entertained. The British Ambassador and Lady Geddes were the special guests of the organ ization, which numbers many of the most prominent men and women in Washington among its members.

There were likewise two garden fetes on Thursday quite as diverse as the two of yesterday-General Pershing's delightful reception at "High-wood" and a "birthday party" in the garden of the rectory of St. Thomas' The latter function was given by the Rector's Aid Society and was in the nature of a silver tea, each guest being asked to contribute as many pennies as he or she could

of telling one's age.
General Pershing's reception, the first big general party he has attempted since his return from France,

Marvelous Reductions of



ter of the house, Miss Frances Colby,

wore an extremely girlish frock of

Sedgwicks live in Boston and have a

summer place at Beverly, Mass .- and,

Charles MacVeagh, of New York, who

s now visiting Mme. Grouitch, wife of

he Minister of the Serbs, Croats and

Mrs. MacVeagh lost her son some

onths ago-you may remember the

ragic circumstances, how he was lost

n the mountains near their summer

ome at Dublin, N. H., and succumbed

to exposure-and consequently Mme.

Frouttch is doing no formal entertain

ng for her. However, she has been

having old friends of her guest in for

uncheon or dinner-Mrs. Gordon Cum-

ming, for instance, and Franklin MacVeagh and others—one or two at

who is a member of the executive

committee of the Serbian Aid Fund.

is, I believe, a nephew of Franklin MacVeagh, and Mrs. Wayne Mac-

feagh, of Washington, is also

But a truce to geneology. Miss

Sedgwick sems to be having a very

good time on this, her first visit to

her cousins since they came to Wash

ington. The young people are going

off on a pienic party which Col. and

ranging in their honor. It's to be a

motor picnic to some place up the

Potomac, where lunch baskets will be unpacked, and the return trip will

for example, and Mrs. MacVeagh-to

The Colby's gave their first official

dinner on Wednesday evening, when

they had the Rianos, the Mathieus

and the Argentine Ambasador, Dr.

they are having another dinner on

Tuesday. This time the Pezets and he Romanoes will be "among those

present," and possibly others of the diplomats. Incidentally, the Colby's

would seem to have been in the thick

of things at most of the parties of

the week. The Spanish Ambassador

made by moonlight. There'll be

kinswoman of his.

play propriety.

Colby's Give First

time. Mrs. MacVeagh's husband.

her mother, a niece of Mrs

reau, assisted Mrs. Colby.

Daughter of Senator and Mrs. J. C. W. Beckham, a "Sweet MRS. JOUETT SHOUSE, Girl Graduate." and the tea table was laid in the dining room, but the gardens were there

righeous must have availed much for the showers were stayed at the showers were stayed at the showers were stayed at the ing leased from Mrs. Henry C. Corbin psychological moment; and they really soon after his return last fall—thereand has a lovely voice. Mr. Albion is Chevy Chase way that General Persh- Morrison, soprano. Miss Morrison is

have a very successful party there at by starting fresh rumors as to his training the chorus and Miss Imogen St. Alban's. The grounds were crowded all afternoon and it was a high only half quieted when Mrs. Warren- which will be a feature of the little his "stepmother-in-law," I guess she production. testimonial to the esteem in which the work of the House of Mercey is held that so many of the really notable people of Washington made their way out to the Cathedral in spite of threatening skies.

A good many came late, having the place in commission, she problem of the suggestion that they are the guests at graceful black gowns which she seems to like best. By way of contrast, her dinner which the Secretary of Agriculture and Mrs. Meredith had back as last week, the Speaker of the House and Mrs. Frederick H. Gillett by, who received with her, wore a flame-colored georgette frock. This was simply made, but banded with most exclusive country club, on Sunself-colored embroidery. Miss Colby's the Jusserands had two parties durance of the dignined and graceful black gowns which she seems to like best. By way of contrast, her dinner which the Secretary of Agriculture and Mrs. Meredith had for the French Ambassador and Mme. Jusserand. Mrs. Walsh had another dinner on Friday.

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day last. The guests were the memtwo visitors, Miss Nina Ryan and Miss
Auckland and Lady Geddes, and the toise" and still be in time for the bachelor members of his staff, and bers of the House and their womenhad no intention of installing a mis- folk. comed all Washington as it swarmed The setting there was perfect, and the out to pay its respects to the most group of Czecho-Slovak dancers satisfactory hero that the war has brought down from New York at the The Committee for Relief in the

Near East, of which Mrs. Cabot Stevens is the head, is having a double benefit to raise funds to carry on its masterpieces, which were given in the appealing work. Festivities began pretty little sylvan theater. They with a bridge party and lawn fete at were arranged by Franklin Barber simist could cavil at the weather Twin Oaks, Mr. and Mrs. Charles J. Clark, painter of miniatures, and a were two garden parties, one out at night with a concert and ball at Ward-Mrs. Horace MacFarland's pretty little man Park Hotel. If the latter is as idea of having her reception on Mon-

anything prettier than the fete, for Twin Oaks is a neavenly spot at this time of year, and there was a great deal of charm about the way picturesque booths were scattered about on the lawn. which slopes sharply down to a wee bit of a pond. There must have been fifty or sixty tables of bridge, and a good many people motored out after the card party was over to patronize the various other attractions.

Maj. George Oakley Totten, jr., has invitations out for a small garden party at his studio house in Sixteenth street on Monday evening, June 7. which gives promise of being one of the pleasantest festivities spring. And there'll be dancing and at ten o'clock Major Totten is putting on a musical play-not Hood," as I have been told, but "In Sherwood new and written by Mrs. Edouard Albion. It's not pretentious, only one count years, or 100 pennies in default act, but very melodious and should be a delightful thing in such a charming

The singers are for the most part professionals, with a few talented was a sort of in-and-out-door festiv- amateurs. The leading roles are to ty. The General received indoors be sung by Louis Thompson, tenor,

Wife of Assistant Secretary of the Treasury. She will accompany Her Husband to the Democratic Convention in San Fran-

Arthur Deibert, bass, and Miss Abby

And people are still talking frocks, and in consequence the "line" about the beauty and artistic interest of the Washington Opera Company's May fete at the Chevy Chase Schoot. instance of the Czecho-Slovak charge d'affaires, Jan Masaryk, gave a performance that was remarkably beautiful and interesting. I've also heard much comment upon the lovely living pictures, reproductions of famous

I don't suppose Mrs. Colby had any broad shady veranda, where she and out into the garden. Instead it was chill and rainy and the logs which burned merrily in the twin fireplaces of the long drawing room were use

This was, of course, a much larger party than the reception which Mrs. Colby had a few weeks ago. Mrs. Meredith was the only member of the Cabinet circle whom I chanced to see, but I presume there were others present. I saw Mrs. McKenna, wife of Justice McKenna, so the Supreme court justices and their ladies evidently were invited. Mrs. Pomerene and Mrs. Pittman were there and many other "Senatorials." I noticed also ever so many of the younger Diplomatic and consular officials. Indeed, every circle of official society seemed to be represented and there were numbers of entirely unofficial folk preent-many of them those who had entertained for Secretary and Mrs. Colby or their daughters. In addition, of course, the diplomats were numerously present. The tea was by way of being a compli-

ment to the younger members of the corps who could not be included when Mrs. Colby entertained the chiefs of missons and the ladies of their families some weeks ago; but a good many of the ambassadors and ministers were present on this occasion also-the French Ambassador and Mme. Jusserand, for instance; the Peruvian Ambassador and Mme. Pezet; the Argentine Ambassador, Mme Ekengren; the Minister of the Serbs, Croats, and Slovenes and Mme. Grouitch; Mr. Peter, the Swiss minister, and so on down the line.

Drawing Rooms Thronged During Afternoon.

The drawing rooms were thronged

all afternoon and grew more crowded as the party progressed, for people have a way of lingering at the Colbys. Mrs. Colby has the faculty of making her guests feel immediately at home.

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Optometrist 1217 G St. N.W. face. She looked particularly well on was given in honor of the British Monday in one of the dignified and Ambassador and Lady Geddes; and on

MISS GLADYS BENNETT,

Of Denver, Who Visited Miss Virginia McKenney Early Last

Winter and Has Recently Been "Playing a Return Engagement."

Dorothy James, both had on gay other a luncheon for M. Paipleve. former premier of France, who was gave a charming effect of color. Miss here for a brief visit. The depart-Nathalie Colby, who presided at the mental Maytime ball in honor of the tea table, with Mrs. Cary T. Grayson Attorney General and Mrs. Palmer, at the opposite end, had on a French was another interesting event on the blue costume, and the youngest daugh- program-"interesting" both because it was brilliant and because it set us polka dot georgette in one of the new B. Elkins had several more or less shades between a red and a pink. Mrs. informal parties during the week and Wilbur J. Carr, whose husband is As- the Undersecretary of State and Mrs. sistant to the Secretary of State as Frank L. Polk gave a dinner for the well as Director of the Consular Bu- Russian Ambassador and Mrs. Bakhmeteff.

Miss James went back to New York on Tuesday or Wednesday, Miss Ryan leave town next week and, after following her a day or two later, and spending a little time in New York, ow the Colbys have Miss Christina they will go on to Manchester-by-the-Sedgwick, a niece of Mrs. Colby, with Sea, where they've leased a cottage them. She's the daughter of Mr. and for the summer. Mr. Polk is planning Mrs. Alexander Sedgwick, of New to devote three whole months to rest York, who are the present owners of and recreation and won't think of York, who are the present owners of "Sedgwick Mansion," the beautiful old Colonial place at Stockbridge, Mass., which has come down to them from several generations of Sedgwicks. She's a niece of Ellery Sedgwick, of She's a niece of Ellery Sedgwick. were it not for the fact that he is completely worn out. There is wide lion of his superior. The Polks in Sixteenth street, has been let to the Swiss minister, Mr. Peter, for the legation, but he will not take turn from Switzerland in the fall. He is going over-in fact, he sailed yesterday, I believe-to join Mme. Peter, and will bring her back with him

Mrs. Colby has not made any defnite summer plans yet, but will linger on here well into June if the weather doesn't get uncomfortably The Carrs are planning a trip o Michigan-Mrs. Carr's old homehe can be spared from his desk, and ater she and her mother, Mrs. Ezra will go to the Berkshires, there they spend some weeks every unmer. If Mr. Carr can't get away. Mrs. Carr and Mrs. Koon will probably start northward a little sooner making the trip by motor.

Mrs. Elkins Is Not Going Abroad.

Mrs. Elkins tells me that she has not thought verey much about summer plans yet, but that she is not going abroad, as has been rumored. In fact, she was a bit rueful about how gossip had been sending her off Shelley's service in Serbia was one to a Spa, where she has never been, to take a cure she had never ever heard of. She had a very delightful a lot of young people included and a little dinner last Tuesday evening, few of their elders—the Grouitches, gave a bridge party at the Chevy Chase Club on Wednesday, and on Thursday had a meeting at her house or the purpose of founding a Washington branch of the Serbian Aid Fund. Mrs. Elkins is chairman of the newly-formed chapter, with Mrs. Ran- calendar yesterday. The club party dolph Miner as vice chairman, and, of course, Mme. Grouitch is chairman of of flags by the various State delegathe national organization. An American born, she has been LeBreton, among their guests, and

tremendously successful in organiz-

Murray, Who Has Been Visiting Gen. and Mrs. Chase Kennedy in Panama. the rehabilitation of her adopted land, and there are branches of the Serbian

MISS FRANCES MURRAY.

Daughter of Col. and Mrs. Peter

good deal of money, for the Serbian workers, so that a continuous stream of knitted garments went out to the poorly clad Serbian soldiery. Now, however, Mrs. Browning has

will in future spend her winters in Italy, so the work here has lapsed. This state of affairs didn't at all suit the little group of women who have the interests of the Serbians at heart, so at their request Mme. Grouitch agreed to form a new chapter. Its special work is to be the raising of fund to care for wounded and blinded Serbian soldiers. A good start was made at the meeting on Thursday, which was attended by over 100 people and at which a considerable dres. Mrs. Frang Mebane, of North Carolina, who has been staying at interest in the matter of the select the Shoreham for a week or two. also spoke. She's a woman who knows the Serbian situation from actual experience, who speaks out of a full heart, and who has worked rom war's aftermath.

> Apropos of Serbia. I have recently heard that Miss Elizabeth Shelley, who was working in Serbia at the time of the German invasion, has been sent to The Hague as an attache of the American legation there. don't know exactly what her posi-tion is, but I believe it is one heretofore always held by a man and she is to have actual diplomatic rank. She is taking the little Serbian war orphan—named Bojo, from the county where he was found—whom she has adopted, abroad with her, and will out him in a school in Belgium.
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> Miss Shelley is a daughter of the

> late General Shelley. She worked as a nurse with the Serbian army for many months and, if I'm not mistaken remained at her post until she fell into the hands of the Germans and was sent by them out of the country. know I'm a bit hazy about facts: but at any rate I remember hearing Mme. Grouitch say the story of Miss of the greatest epics of the war.

Bryn Mawr Benefit Tea

Dance Novel Affairs. The tea dance at Rauscher's for the benefit of the Bryn Mawr endowment fund and the Congressional Club's last party for this season were among the numerous enjoyable events on the a luncheon followed by a presentation tions, was purely a family party-the club family, of course. But every body interested in Bryn Mawr was ing her countrywomen to work for invited to the tea dance and pretty

MRS. GEORGE F. MAHOOL, Who Will Spend the Summer at White Sulphur Springs, W. Va., With Her Mother, Mrs. Charles Helmbold.

nearly everybody went, for a little while at least, despite such opposition as the garden party at Airlie and Mrs. Macfarland's party at her pretty little home in Chevy chase.

The presentation of "The Craft of

aid in most of the important cities the Toroise," at the Belasco on Tuesof the country. Heretofore there has day didn't bring out the audience it been no regular chapter in Washing deserved, perhaps because there were been no regular chapter in Washington, although from time to time a
good deal of money has been contributed here to relief work in Serbia,
and many individuals have worked
faithfully for the cause.

At the beginning of the war Mrs.

At the beginning of the Wictory Memorial Association, for the Victory Memorial Association, for the Victo Charles Henry Butler, whose son was Bernard Shaw at his eleverest and jai fund or the Drama League was doctoring in Serbia, organized a Red yet strongly marked with the author's there. Mrs. Wilson entertained a

Butler and her aids transferred their interest to our own men, Mrs. Barrett Browning took up the work. In a quiet way she collected enormous who spent many months barnstorm- League, was in the audience, accompany to the collected company with the collected company to the work. In a quiet way she collected enormous who spent many months barnstorm- League, was in the audience, accompany to the collected company to the collected collected company to the collected c quantities of clothing, as well as a ing in France for the A. E. F., gave panied by her daughter, Miss Sidney good deal of money, for the Serbian a delightful performance. And Prof. Burleson. Mme, Grouitch, who had sufferers, and she distributed wool to school children and other willing fine appreciation for comedy values, sale of the boxes, had a box herself. I don't know that he has had actual and had the French Ambassador and professional experience on the stage. Mme. Jusserand with her, as well as although I have, heard so. But he Mrs. A. M. Dulles. Mrs. Meredith had Now, however, Mrs. Browning has knows the theater from the inside a box party, with a number of the returned to her English home and and he has taken part frequently in ladies of the diplomatic corps among the sparkling little plays put on by her guests. And in the audience one ite charity by New York's playerfolk Mme. Shidebara, Mme. de Riano, the in colaboration with some of the tal- John Hays Hammonds, Miss Colby, ented amateurs with which New York Mrs. Warren Delano Robbins, Miss abounds. And his work shows the Louise Delano-but why go on? result of this training. You know he directed the play in addition to Home Opera to Draw writing it and playing an important Big Audiences. part.

The other parts were competently a Sullivan—"The Mikado," for the taken, with Mrs. Evans Sewell's portrayal of "Liane" standing out as one later in the week-at Poli's Theater of the high lights of the production.
I had never heard of this daughter Army's home service fund. of "Fighting Bob" Evans going in before for theatricals, even of the with the Salvation Army to help make ments, and there wasn't a point in the dialogue that she didn't bring evening, which is to be "diplomatic out nor a gesture nor an expression to enhance the value of the role that Walsh has taken two boxes, one of she didn't make. Moreover, she has which she has turned over ike a Trojan to help the sufferers grace and stage presence and she made a bewildering lovely picture in her gorgeous medeival robes and her peaked golden headdress, with its Minister and Mme. Panaretoff also flowing tulle veils. The gown was fashioned of a length of rare tomato red brocade, which was as rich in his-distinguished patronesses—or rather a list of distinguished patronesses—and of the list of toric interest as it was in color, hav-ing been presented to Mrs. Sewell's the leadership of Miss Kathering father by the Emperor of China. Inevitably that suggested the sale last week of the furnishings of the famous Evans home, down on Indiana avenue, and of many interesting souvenirs of the late admiral, best loved and most popular of the heroes of the

> tioned off with a room full of persons Miller Collier will be with her there-socially prominent, many of whom also Mrs. John Allan Dougherty, who had been associated more or less has been with Mrs. Walsh all winter closely with the doughty admiral. and who has just left town for Kanclosely with the doughty admiral.
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> A few days later I ran into M: James Carroll Frazer in the same famous auction room, with a wonderful old camel's-hair scarf over her

until recently his daughters lived, has

treasure to find out what a treasure t was. It was a long scarf, something over a yard wide and probably three long, fine and soft as stlk, and of the most marvelous clear deep blue. It had a wide Persian "palmleaf" border across each, end and a narrow one running long the side edges. It was hand-woven, of course the sort of thing that could (not?) possibly have been produced by an ... sensate machine—and altogether an exquisite affair. A shabby dealer who was standing near, a man who deals only in furniture and whose customers are not discriminating, sald solemnly: "I congratulate you; madam. You have certainly got a bargain That shawl is worth easily \$500. Mrs. Frazer was naturally tickled to tears, and abandoned her plan of cut-ting it up for a wrap. There was nothing to indicate it, but I felt confident that it came out of the Evan-

house and was overlooked at the sale

two days before.

depths of a cabinet and offered to an unsympathetic crowd-largely of

lodging-house keepers on the lookout for cheap and nasty furniture to re-furbish their dingy rooms. Mrs. Frazer had bid on it, idly—with.ut half seeing what it was. She realized

that it was good looking, and thinking that it might make an extra eveshe stood in need, she bid it in for \$19-and was highly clated when she

had an opportunity to examine her

In his play Professor Tassin points out that through the ages woman has been forced to get what she wanted by diddling the men-to use a homely Scotch expression-and advances the theory that despite the fact that she has been given the vote-or-more properly has gone out and taken itshe's likely to make use of her time honored and proved weapons for some time to come. And he points his theentertaining and dialogue that is sparkling and satiric. Indeed, it's a brilliant play and I'm only hoping that it will eventually be given a professional production and have the run it deserves.

Mrs. Dimock, who as president of Cross unit, which worked for the Serbians. Then, when the United States went into the war and Mrs. Butler and her aids transferred their As the leading lady, Miss Grace Miss Edith Benham, among her way of amusement or for some favor- noted the Japanese Ambassador and

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as well as financially, and is rather specializing on the premier tomorrow and society night," Mrs. Thomas F British Ambassador and Lady Geddes distinguished patronesses-and the leadership of Miss Katherine Robinson, will sell programs.

Mrs. Walsh Organizing

Perhaps the most promising of al the convention parties I've heard Cuban evar. His old home, in which about is the one that Mrs. Waish been sold to the Christ Child Society, to Chicago to take in the Republican and is to be turned into a settlement convention, and Dr. and Mrs. David The furnishings were auc- | Jayne Hill and Dr. and Mrs. William sas City to make a little visit before the big show starts in Chicago.

The Vice President and Mrs. Mar-(Continued on Page Nineteen.)



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